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1 Council President Praisner,

2 Ladies and gentlemen, if we could stand for a moment of silence please; and I would
3 like, in the process of doing so, for us to remember Judge Stanley Frosh, a former
4 member of the Montgomery County Council, in it's Fourth Council 1958-1962, who
5 passed away recently. Thank you. We have two presentations today. The first one is by
6 my colleague, Nancy Floreen. While Nancy is coming up with the proclamation and the
7 folks who are here, I just want to announce; I am sure my colleagues join me in
8 congratulating our former Councilmember, Tom Perez, who, as the blogs report, will be
9 appointed later today as Secretary of the Bureau, or Director of the Bureau of Licensing
10 and Regulation is my understanding - Department or bureau, whatever. He gets a
11 longer title but I am sure he still misses us. Nancy?

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13 Unidentified Speaker,

14 I think he's going to be happier.

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16 Councilmember Floreen,

17 We are here today to recognize the continuing problem of stalking. And what we have--
18 we have (inaudible) Nadja Cabello, Karen Ribner, Deborah Howard, all from Health and
19 Human Services Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program, and Risa Ain for the
20 advisory board. I want to thank you very much for all your hard work and advocacy on
21 behalf of, unfortunately, a continuing (inaudible) of victims in that regard. In 1993 the
22 county recognized that stalking was becoming increasingly more common and at that
23 point We didn't have the appropriate laws to prosecute offenders so we enacted Bill 7-
24 93 to address the problem. Unfortunately, it didn't solve the problem. Stalking continues
25 to be on the rise. In 2003 the county prosecuted 12 cases. There were 24 in 2004 and
26 34 in 2005. I don't know if we knew what the number was for 2006?

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28 Nadja Cabello,

29 Still analyzing it.

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31 Councilmember Floreen,

32 So the point of all this really is to keep the problem front and center so we present this
33 proclamation to let our residents know that this is an issue that we'll continue to watch.
34 So what this says is whereas approximately 1.4 million people are stalked annually in
35 the United States. Whereas 76% of women killed by a partner have been stalked by the
36 partner; 81% of women stalked by a current or former partner are also sexually
37 assaulted by that partner. And whereas stalking victims experience anxiety, insomnia,
38 social dysfunction, lost work hours and productivity, and severe depression at a much
39 higher rate than the general population. And whereas stalking victims are forced to take
40 drastic measures to protect themselves such as relocating, changing their identities,
41 changing jobs and obtaining protection orders. And I might add this doesn't even go to
42 the issue of children. And whereas because stalking is a federal crime and is also a
43 crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, there is a need to encourage, and in
44 some cases, enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and its victims



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1 including aggressive investigation and prosecution. Now therefore be it resolved that the
2 Montgomery County Council designates the month of January 2007 as Stalking
3 Awareness Month, and be it further resolved that we applaud the efforts of victims
4 service providers, police officers, prosecutors and national community organizations for
5 their efforts in promoting stalking awareness. And presented this 23rd day of January in
6 the year 2007, signed by our Council President Marilyn Praisner. So I wanted to thank
7 you all, as I said, for your hard work. I know You do advocacy campaigns on this on a
8 pretty regular basis. We have your posters and I hope we can achieve something with
9 all of that.

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11 Nadja Cabello,
12 Thank you.

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14 Councilmember Floreen,
15 Would you like to say anything?

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17 Nadja Cabello,
18 I can say a few words of thank you. I want to thank you so much, Ms. Floreen, for doing
19 this wonderful proclamation and bringing light to this very tough issue of stalking. It is
20 something that really affects very much the lives of crime victims in this county. It's a
21 horrible crime and something that really needs to be done about it too; bringing more
22 light to this so the prosecutors can really prosecute these cases and bring it to light. And
23 also we want to let the victims of stalking know out there that there are programs to help
24 them. The Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Programs stands ready to help them.
25 Also the Abused Persons Program in the county. So we really want to bring that
26 information--and the police is always there to help them also. Thank you so much.
27 Thank you to the Council for recognizing this wonderful proclamation today. Thank you.

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29 Councilmember Floreen,
30 Good luck to you all and I hope you have an appropriate wall for hanging--

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32 Nadja Cabello,
33 Yes, we will, thank you very much. (applause)

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35 Council President Praisner,
36 And for the second presentation, I'd like to--we are going to recognize Joan Naake, who
37 has just been named Maryland Professor of the Year. Joan, would you join us? Larry,
38 want to come up too? I am personally thrilled to have the opportunity to recognize
39 someone I have known for quite some time, someone I have admired and She may not
40 know this but in my conversations with folks back in the county after NACO's meetings, I
41 will say to people do you know Joan Naake? Folks from Montgomery College. And
42 universally the comments are oh, yes, not only oh, yes, but she is such a fabulous
43 teacher. So it's nice to know that not only the folks at Montgomery College, but folks
44 across the state have also recognized the qualities and skills of an outstanding teacher.



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1 I thought the article in the newspaper that talked about Joan being named Maryland
2 Professor of the Year by Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching and the
3 council for the advancement of support of education, was really--really captured the
4 flavor of this individual when she said, "I love seeing the feeling of elation when students
5 understand a difficult concept and can apply it to their lives." Because of course that
6 makes education lifelong learning and also means that folks really appreciate and
7 understand the role that the teacher plays in unlocking that interest in education. So the
8 article goes on to talk about her--the ways in which she has adapted over the years, her
9 teaching style to the students, and also how creative she has become in encouraging
10 some new ideas with other members of the faculty. So it's a pleasure for me to
11 recognize Joan today because folks now know something that I have learned for a long
12 time. Whereas Joan Naake, English professor at Montgomery County College has been
13 named Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the
14 Advancement of Teaching, a national foundation dedicated to supporting teaching and
15 the Council for the advancement and Support of Education, the largest international
16 association of education institutions. And whereas the U.S. Professors of the Year
17 Program salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country, those
18 who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students, It is also
19 recognized as one of the most prestigious awards honoring professors. And whereas of
20 Joan Naake has earned the respect and gratitude of faculty, staff and students for her
21 scholarship, her pedagogy, her diligence, and her generous support and assistance,
22 she is praised by students, parents, and fellow professors for her creative and
23 enthusiastic approach to education. And as one who has made a difference in the lives
24 of young adults. And whereas Joan Naake exemplifies how education professionals
25 who are committed to academic excellence can open the doors of success for the
26 young people of Montgomery County. And whereas the Montgomery County Council
27 takes great pride in Joan Naake's achievements and acknowledges the great honor she
28 has brought to her county. Now therefore be it resolved that the County Council of
29 Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby proclaims congratulations to Joan Naake for
30 being named Maryland Professor of the Year. And it's signed on this day by me as
31 council president. Joan, congratulations. (applause)

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33 Joan Naake,
34 I'd just like to say, thank you, I feel privileged to be honored by the Montgomery County
35 Council and I also feel very privileged to represent the excellence of Montgomery
36 College. We have many, many outstanding professors and wonderful students, so
37 Thank you very much.

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39 Council President Praisner,
40 Thank you. I guess I should flip the schedule from now on so I'm here ready after the
41 presentations are done. General business, Ms. Lauer.

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43 Linda Lauer,



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1 Well there are no changes to today's agenda but we do have a couple announcements.
2 One is the public hearing on the WSSC CIP and CIP expenditures is scheduled for
3 February 13th at 1:30 p.m. As you know the CIP public hearings on all the other
4 agencies and departments will be held at the same time we do our operating budget this
5 year. There is one change, HHS on Thursday is cancelled. We had planned a closed
6 session but that is cancelled. The joint committee is still scheduled though. And then we
7 have received one petition and that was from members of Silver Spring Forward
8 opposing a proposed moratorium that may jeopardize the Birchmere Project. Thank
9 you.

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11 Council President Praisner,
12 Okay, thank you. Move to approval of minutes. Madam Clerk.

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14 Council Clerk,
15 You have the minutes of December 12th and the closed-session minutes of December
16 5th for approval.

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18 Councilmember Leventhal,
19 Move approval.

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21 Council President Praisner,
22 Mr. Leventhal moves approval, is there a second?

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24 Councilmember Knapp,
25 Second.

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27 Council President Praisner,
28 Second over here, Mr. Knapp. Okay those in favor please indicate by raising your hand.
29 That is unanimous. Consent calendar. Is there a motion?

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31 Councilmember Andrews
32 Move approval

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34 Council President Praisner,
35 Mr. Andrews. Is there a second?

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37 Councilmember Ervin
38 Second

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40 Council President Praisner,
41 Ms. Ervin. Consent calendar, are there any items? Mr. Leventhal, you wanted to
42 comment.

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44 Councilmember Leventhal,



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1 Madam President, very briefly, first of all I want to commend Francoise Carrier and
2 Marty Grossman; we are going to reappoint them this morning. They do a very good job
3 for us. I hope they will stay. As an English major I appreciate lawyers who write
4 excellent prose and I just want to commend them for their service to the public. And I
5 also thank the Council President, and Councilman Knapp for their support of the
6 resolution to erect signs at the entrances to the Agricultural Reserve. We'll speak more
7 about that next week.

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9 Council President Praisner,
10 Okay, Mr. Andrews?

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12 Councilmember Andrews,
13 I too want to commend Francoise and Martin for their excellent work. And I think we
14 should put them out of their suspense--end the suspense.

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16 Council President Praisner,
17 It is an indication of our respect for them that it is on the consent calendar, and not a
18 stand-alone item that might cause some question as to what that means. Mr. Berliner.

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20 Councilmember Berliner,
21 Madam Chair, if I could be added as a co-sponsor of the resolution I would appreciate
22 that opportunity.

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24 Council President Praisner,
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27 Councilmember Berliner,
28 With respect to the sign

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30 Council President Praisner,
31 on the ag signs?

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33 Councilmember Berliner,
34 Yes.

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36 Council President Praisner,
37 Okay, so noted. and Mr.---oh, that's it. No other comments. All in favor of the consent
38 calendar including the reappointment of Francoise Carrier and Martin Grossman to the
39 jobs of Hearing Examiner and Director of the Office of--I echo the outstanding job
40 comments made by my colleague; all in favor? That is unanimous. Thank you. We have
41 a proposed closed session at 10:00. I would entertain a motion to adopt the resolution
42 on the closed session. The article citation is State Government Article 10-508(a)(1)(i),
43 Topic is Legislative Information Officer a personnel item. Motion made by Mr. Knapp--
44 Vice President Knapp and seconded by Councilmember Trachtenberg. All in favor?



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- 1 Unanimous. We are in recess for the closed session. We will begin again here -- well
- 2 we aren't. We have interviews downstairs. We are adjourned up here.